

Wasleys Primary School *newsletter*

Important Dates

APRIL

6th Community Egg Hunt

7th Good Friday

10th Easter Monday

11th Hour of Power

14th Assembly / Last day
of term, early dismissal

MAY

1st Term 2 Starts

5th Wheels Day

11th Mothers Day Stall

12th Casual Clothes Day

17th Dream Big Excursion

21st History wk Open Day

24th National

Simultaneous Storytime

25th RAA Street Smart

29th Reconciliation week
begins

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Harmony Week 2023

"Everyone Belongs" at our school

See Recount inside from our SRC seniors

From the Principal

Hello families and welcome to the last newsletter of the term. NAPLAN is done and dusted and our students remained calm and focussed throughout. Well done everyone! School photos have been taken with 100% attendance on the day. The snappy haircuts inspired me to make a late night appointment with my hairdresser! We will let you know as soon as they are delivered to the school.



Part of the important work of our Governing Council is providing input for school policies. The new Mobile Phone Policy is now ratified and will be introduced from the beginning of next term. An electronic copy was sent home today via email and will soon appear on our website. A hard copy is also available through the front office if requested.

Our next task is to develop a Grievance Procedure to guide respectful conversations and timely conflict resolution between all members of our school community.

2023 Governing Council News



Governing Council discussions included:

- SASSPC affiliation
- Play Centre
- Surveillance System
- Street Artwork
- 150th Sub committee
- ANZAC Day

Reports presented by:

- Principal
- Staff

Policy updates

- Mobile Phone Policy ratified
- Grievance procedure distributed for upcoming discussion

Next meeting: 15th May @ 7pm

Our GC secretary, Amanda Evans also managed to capture our discussions about some of the school's history. Look for her "Gleanings" at the end of the Newsletter.

One of our Site Improvement Goals this year is to increase student outcomes in Maths by focussing on developing student's numerical understanding. This was the focus of our training on the last Pupil Free Day and as a result, we have begun Guided Numeracy Groups to gain a deeper understanding of student numeracy thinking and explicitly teach the next stage of their development. We are really excited about this initiative and have already seen improvement in student confidence and engagement. Our next Pupil Free Day on June 13th will focus on extending this project and refining our Numeracy Agreement.

Our Butterfly Garden is coming along beautifully, with another 100 plants in ground this week. During Harmony week, students made concrete stepping stones to place between the antennae and planted mondo grass around them. Festucia now outline each of the wings and our caterpillar has a head! Next Tuesday we will host an Hour of Power straight after school to spread the screenings between the wings and lay mulch between the plants. If you are able to help, please come along. We want to try and minimise the amount of weeds!



Hour of Power April 11th 3-4pm

Got an hour to spare after school? Lessons will be ending 10 minutes early so all students can be involved in our butterfly garden project. Families and community members are welcome to join us. Bring a rake or shovel and your gardening clothes. We will be spreading screenings and mulch. Come see the brilliant job your children have done and maybe see a butterfly or two!

Together, let's do this!

On May 17th, we will be travelling to the Festival Theatre to be part of the Dream Big Opening Event. Students have been learning the song "My Island Home" in music lessons and will join children from all over south Australia to form a 1500 strong "Mighty Big Choir of Small Voices". We have successfully applied for a grant to cover transport, so there will be no cost for this excursion. Consent forms will go home at the beginning of next term and we look forward to performing the song for you at assembly next term.

The latest copy of SAASPC publication Parents Say is available from the front office and is full of useful and interesting information.

SAASPC snippet

PARENTS SAY

THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PARENTS INC. VOL. 46, NO. 11 FEBRUARY 2023



The latest publication from SAASPC has arrived at school. Inside you will find

- Minster Blaire Boyer talks about the role of Autism Inclusion Teachers
- Natalie Atkinson talks about the new tools for teachers to support students with additional needs.
- Expert tips on how to talk to your children about Vaping.
- The critical role of parents / caregivers in student mental health and well-being
- A Day in the life of a teacher.
- Articles about Lincoln Gardens Primary and a global music participation program, Just Brass.

Hard copies of "Parent Say" are available through the Front Office.

Website: [South Australian Association of School Communities \(saaspc.org.au\)](http://South Australian Association of School Communities (saaspc.org.au))

Don't forget to join us this Thursday for our fabulous Community Easter Egg Hunt. BYO basket or come early to make one!

Wasleys Primary School Community Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 6th April

All children aged 14 and under welcome.

4:00 - Easter Crafts
4:30 - Easter Egg Hunt

Enter near the school crossing and follow the bunny feet



Our term will end next Friday April 14th. We hope you can join us for our end of term assembly at 1:40 in the classroom space to celebrate what has been an amazing busy term of learning at Wasleys primary School before heading off to holidays at 2:10. Warm regards, Ann-Marie



April
Birthday Shout Out
Bailey



Congratulations assembly award winners



Award Winners: Zanda, Hudson, Kelvin, Avah, Bella, Marcus, Deklan, Felix.

Harmony Week

Recount

by
SRC



The theme of Harmony Week is “Everyone Belongs”. This means that we don’t discriminate against people and judge them before getting to know them just because they might be different in some way.

This year we celebrated Harmony Week by the dying white T-shirts with orange dye which is the theme colour for Harmony. We watched a video on methods to the dye, like spirals, snakes, rectangles and pinching. We were given a t-shirt and rubber bands. We went back to our desks, chose our methods and put the rubber bands on our t-shirts. Mrs Jones, Ms M, Mrs Ellis, Allison and Ki helped us to make our patterns.

Once we were done with our T-shirts, Ms M took photos of us and we put them in the Art Room sink so Allison could dye them. They soaked for about an hour and then Allison and Ki rinsed them, undid the rubber bands and put them out to dry. That night, Mrs Ellis took them home to wash them so we wouldn’t turn orange when we put them on.

When we got to school they were all hanging on the library fence and we were able to change into them for the day. Everyone enjoyed the dying and we decided we want to dye our own shirts in team colours to wear at Sports Day.

Harmony Week was a blast and we can’t wait for our next exciting adventure! **WASLEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL ROCKS!**

Peyton and Bella



Belonging, Opportunity, Achievement, Teamwork

Gleanings from our last Governing Council Meeting

Wasleys Primary School was founded in 1874, so the school is a year younger than the town! The big 150 will come around in 2024 for WPS and we hope to invite you to celebrate our school! Here are some tidbits of history we’ve gathered in preparation for the commemoration next year:



A Peppercorn Tree was planted at the front of the school in honour of the one of the town’s folk lost in battle during WW 1. As some of you may know, peppercorn trees can grow quite large, and the school one was no different. One prior student remembers sitting on a branch of the tree that had cut into the corner of a building. The front fence was actually built around this branch. Eventually, and unfortunately the Peppercorn Tree had to be removed due to its large roots causing structural damage to the surrounding buildings.

The school logo has been through some rough times! Although unable to find a picture, we know there was a logo that featured the beloved Peppercorn tree. After its removal, the logo was changed. Somewhere along the way the logo was dropped and for a number of years the school was without one. Kelly Bucky (parent at the time) approached the principal with a suggestion, inspired by Balaklava School’s logo. The B was replaced with a W and thus, we have our current working logo. The logo was sold as a patch that parents could apply to polo shirts. A new logo to highlight our current school values and motto and with student input is planned for future years. Perhaps you or your children have some design ideas?!



Once upon a time the school taught not just primary school aged children, but pre-schoolers too! Yes, there was a Kindy. Why the preschool was closed is unknown, however we have hope that if we can establish an OSHC, one day those little ones and siblings of big ones can join our school community as well 😊 In the meantime, why not bring your little ones to our Playcentre, **Mondays 9am-11am** (don’t mind our shameless plug!).

If you have a story to tell (or a correction to suggest) please get in touch.

Amanda Evans, 2023 Governing Council Chairperson